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The Bush administration yesterday announced plans to implement a controversial regulation designed to allow doctors, nurses and other health-care workers who object to abortion from doing delivering health services if they believe it violates their personal beliefs. Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) issued the following statement:

“Once again, the Bush administration is putting ideology ahead of access to health care for women. This regulation fails to define abortion or even birth control, which threatens access to health care of all kinds, from contraception, STD testing and even cancer screening. These regulations are not a protection of rights, but the imposition of a political agenda on every woman in America.”